NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

DEAR BRO.:—The church case is continued until next June. Let us have a shake

S. KIEHL.

164 McClure St., Dayton, O.

Bro. Summers stayed with us over Sunday, preached three sermons for us, held up the word with power and energy. The last night one came forward for baptism and was baptized the next morning. Many more were deeply impressed. Could we have continued a week longer, we believe a good work could have been done. But as the meeting was held in a school-house the teacher would not allow it. Yesterday the writer preached a funeral in this town, Akron, in the Advent Church house; a child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burns.

NOAH HEETER.

Bro. Bashor came to this place Oct. 24th, to dedicate our new meeting house. He preached a grand dedicatory sermon at 10:30 a. m. Preached again at 7 in the evening. Began a protracted effort on the evening of the 26th. Preached every evening until the 18th of Nov., and rested that day and night and preached his closing sermon in the evening of the 19th. During these meetings 31 persons were added to the church—26 by baptism and five by relation. We number about 150. Of a truth I say brother Bashor is a workman that needs not to be ashamed. He has a fine way of bringing gospel truth to strike the mind of his hearers. His eloquent and logical way of putting facts must strike conviction in every mind. With boldness like Paul, he fears not to tell people of their meanness and tricks. And if everybody is not made to cry out, What shall I do? they are caused to behold their direful condition in the light of the gosple mirror, and are compelled to say truth Lord.

We are not up to our possibilities. We have not been developing true manhood and womanhood by our course of living. We have been living in the lower strata of our natures, feeding upon the husks that the swine did leave.

Some of those that united with the church are quite young in years. Others far advanced in autumn of life. But whether young or old, they all have to come as babes in Christ. To learn the lesson of obedience from him "who spoke as never man spake." Truely all must wear the "crown of thorns" before they can wear the crown of "eternal life," for eternal life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ. Fraternally,

J. SKELLEY.

Milford, Ind., Nov. 28th, '86.

Sinners are coming and acknowledging Christ as the only refuge for a sin-broken heart and soul. Three persons went to the water-side yesterday to be baried with Christ in baptism, and we believe there is still more counting the cost. My prayer to God is that they may come ere these meetings close. Now we have a few words in behalf of our pastor who is laboring so hard to save souls from eternal ruin. Brethren and sisters pray for us here, as we need your prayers, in behalf of the sinner, and also remember J. W. Smouse, our pastor, in your prayers. May the Lord bless us all.

A. STUTZMAN.

Johnstown, Pa.

Dedication.

Our new church at St. James will be dedicated Sunday, Dec. 26th. We extend an invitation to our friends to come and worship with us. At this time the railroad fare will be reduced and you can visit us at less expense than on ordinary occasions. This is the first house built in Maryland by the Brethren church. As the years go by may the number increase.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Wilsey, Kans.

After two week's work we closed our meetings near Galesburg, Neosho Co., Kans. On the evening of Nov. 21st. One baptized; several more expressed a desire to soon enter the service. Bro. A. J. Hixson assisted us much at these meetings with his cheering exhortations and singing talent. God bless the little, though Christ-like band of brethren at Galesburg.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

"Thy Kingdom Come."

(1.) The kingdom of Christ in the world. (2.) of the Holy Spirit in our hearts; (3.) of glory at the end of the world. We pray that, 1, the knowledge of Christ may spread, 2, he may become by the spirit, more and more the king of our hearts, holy and Christian lives, 3, he may soon come in the clouds of heaven and reign forever, Rev. 22:20. We ought to be prepared for the coming we pray for and therefore for our own death,

We expect to have a revival meeting in Aurelia soon. Two souls were received by baptism this year, pray next year more. My health I have again regained. There is nothing I would rather do than preach about him who was nailed on the cross for our redemption. I pray that the time will soon come when I can devote all my time to the work and study.

S. B. REIST.

Aurelia, Iowa.

Notes by the Way.

Our meetings at "Bakers Furnace" are closed and our immediate fruits were two by baptism, with a growing interest at each appointment. The meetings were enlivened by three able sermons by H. R. Holsinger. The choir of the M. E. Church discoursed excellent music for us. Thanks to all.

Our protracted meetings commenced at Benshoff Hill, on Monday 22nd, Nov. The weather for the first week was very inclement, yet we have fair congregations and good interest. And will meet at the waterside tomorrow, (30th,) for prayer, &c. We will continue the meetings until Dec., 10th, God willing. Pray for our success.

J. W. SMOUSE.

Vinco, Pa., Nov. 29th.

Myrtle Point, Or.

In my last I told you of our starting to Myrtle Point. We arrived on the 10th of the month, found all well and in good spirits, for our Bro. J. W. Beer was holding meetings and continued until the 16th.

On the 15th, the brethren and sisters met in council when we agreed to hold a love feast that night. But there was a trouble in the way. We had appointed preaching for that night at the hall, the brethren thought they could not hold the feast there, so they agreed to hold it at the home of Bro. Willison. So after preaching, we went to Bro. Willison's, which was one mile. After the feast the brethren thought best to ordain two Elders, which was done. The brethren were S. C. Bashor and the writer. Pray for this little church in Oregon. On the 17th, Bro. Beer started for home. Our prayer is that he will find all well. Come again Bro. Beer.

WM. PULLEN.

Roann, Ind.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—It has been some time since you have heard from this place. Our communion is among the things of the past. We had a very pleasant meeting. It seems the Lord will bless his children if they come together in the spirit and understanding, with their hearts filled with love for him. A good many members from adjoining districts attended the meeting and we feel thankful to them for their presence. We could not hold a Thanksgiving service, for the purpose of giving to Ashland College, as Bro. Holsinger suggested, so I enclose 50 cents, hoping the debt will soon be lifted, and all the dear brethren made to rejoice.

I would like to hear from more of the young sisters through the EVANGELIST. Our paper can be made more interesting if they only had the courage to write. Pray for me that I may hold out faithful to the end.

KATIE EIKENBERY.

Virginia Notes.

Our mission work is moving along nicely. Bro. Shaver is doing a good work for the church and for the Master. Only last week near Providence, eight were received into the church by baptism, and last Saturday two more came out voluntarily for the Lord here at Round Hill, and were baptized into Christ's fold. It seems to me that we are unusually blest with the conversion of souls here in this part of Va. I will not attempt to say how many have been brought into the church since the mission work began, as Bro. Shaver will make a report of the work done at the end of his mission year; but as for myself, I am highly pleased with the work already done. When we look at the prejudice that had already gone ahead of our Evangelist at every appointment, and had been rooted deeply into the hearts of the most of those who years ago had been friendly, and have to almost wholly depend upon strangers for recognition, for lodging and for conversions, we can not but give vent to our heart's gratitude for the good work that has been done,

There is only one part about our mission work in which we cannot rejoice; it is the recompense of reward of finances received by our Evangelist. Our Bro. has done his work well, but we have done ours badly. We can not be praised in this nor none dare ask to be justified. Round Hill though, has done better than any, and in fact so far as the Treasurer reports, but one has paid to him anything outside of Round Hill vicinity. Would any of us take our brother's place with so little support?

The EVANGELIST of last week came with only half rations, as it was Thanksgiving week, it ought to have been a week of fasting anyhow. Our Editor, I know does not feel like sending us our paper every week, without he receives something in return for it. I know that he expects us to do "As ye would have men to do unto you, do ye also unto them likewise." The paper surely deserves our patronage and a bit of our purses.

Bro. J. P. Martin, of Ohio, has once more raised his voice through the EVANGELIST. It has been a question with me for some time to know the cause of his silence. That talent is too glittering to be hidden. In fact, none should be hidden, be they many or few. Though the appearance of our names in the EVANGELIST often does not necessarily mean a revelation of talent, or the good use of the same, we should all remember the Lord's saying of the servant who buried his talent.

Bro. Mason has our sympathies in his bereavment.

G. A. COPP.

McClains, W. Va.

The Brethren of Prosperity congregation concluded to hold a protracted meeting, so we wrote for Bro. S. W. Wilt to come and help us, and he came to our assistance and on the evening of the 2nd of Nov. preached at the Savage Point school-house, near J. W. Province's, and on the evening of the third commenced meeting at the church and continued preaching the word with convincing power, I believe until Sunday evening, the 21st, during which time eight precious souls rose for Jesus, two of whom joined by confession, five were baptized on Monday and the baptism of the other one was deferred. On Monday evening we held our love feast and closed; Bro. Wilt returned to the school-house where he preached two more sermons and on Friday, the 26th, he started for home. May the Lord attend his labors of love with the greatest of success and bless him abundantly, is our prayers. The meeting throughout was well attended and very enjoyable. The Brethren were much revived and the people, I think, were generally impressed and I think that there are many nearing the kingdom in this community. Bro. Wilt has assumed the oversight of this church, as our Elder for one year, and I think that our prospects are good for the future. We had a church meeting during the time of meeting and with the assistance of Bro. Wilt, did some church work that will not be easily undone. The church here has had many ups and downs, but, we hope, has passed through its time of trial and tribulation.

C. J. SHOWALTER.

Maurertown, Va.

Last week was given to the work with the Brethren at Durflinger school-house in Warren Co. Seven were added by baptism; Thanksgiving day was agreed upon for baptism, but as the weather was so inclement, raining and snowing all day, we postponed until the next day. By this time the beautiful clear river was changed to a different appearance. Notwithstanding the rapid rising of the waters and northern blast of wind, these people seemed determined to follow the injunction of Christ, while some who did not believe, stood shivering at the thought, and others feeling the importance of His words, "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved." As usual we were compelled to say farewell too soon. While there, the Brethren met for church business. The old Elder of this flock requested that some one be set apart to help him to preach the word, to which the Brethren consented. After a season of prayer, lots were cast and the lot fell on Bro. Cornelius Durflinger. Hope the Lord will bless all his efforts in the good work.

Upon my return, two ladies were waiting for baptism. So this week ended with nine enrolled by baptism, one by relation: ten more recruits for the Lord's battlefield. May all be valiant soldiers of the cross.

E. B. SHAVER.

Sister Mason.

The Master's cause is still moving on. The ship of eternity is drawing nigh. How many are ready, yes, ready to launch into eternity. One of our midst have been taken away; one whom we all dearly loved, and one who will ever be missed in our circle. "Jesus keep us near the cross" is our prayer. How lonely our dear brother is without his companion, but Christ taketh and giveth: he doeth all things well. Our loss is her eternal gain. Yes she is wearing the crown of righteousness.

Sister Mason was an example for all of us to follow; she was a kind and loving mother and affectionate companion, and a friend to every one. Can it be, we shall see her no more on earth! is it a dream? No: it is reality, but we have a promise to meet her in a better world. Oh, yes; sisters and brothers, let us prepare to meet death as our beloved sister.

"Then let our sorrows cease to flow,
God has recalled his own;
And let our hearts in every woe,
Still say—'Thy will be done!'"

Brother Mason has our prayers and sympathies, may the Lord bless him in his afflictions, is my prayer. Your Sister,

MRS. JOHN C. STOVER.

Gratis, Ohio.

Bro. Brown's Lecture.

Dr. P. J. Brown delivered his lecture "What I saw and learned on my late trip to California and return" to a very large audience at Fair Haven Church last Saturday night. This lecture is meeting with so much favor with the public that a condensed outline of it will be interesting to the general reader. Part first consists of a somewhat elaborate defense of the great transcontinental railway system, its management, showing that railroad corporations are public benefactors, instead of cut-throat monopolies, as is too often supposed by the ignorant and dissatisfied crowd, ready to steal a ride and take advantage of the company and its trustworthy employes in many ways; shows that the traveling public will always be treated by railroad officials as they deserve, their merits being measured by the manner in which the traveler treats officials; gives a synoptical review of the enormous expenditure of money, brains, energy, mechanical and engineering skill in the construction and operation of a railroad. The second part of the lecture gives a concise statement of the social habits of the people, the manner of farming, a description of the principal rivers, bays, Golden Gate park, the city of San Francisco, the great San Joaquin Valley, &c. The third part gives a glowing description of the magnificently grand and beautiful scenery along the route of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, such as the Castle Gate, Canon of the Gunnison, Mt. Ewrey, the Royal George, &c., &c. The lecture is about two hours in length and is delivered without notes or manuscript. We most cheerfully recommend the lecture as an educator of the public in railroad traveling, and especially interesting and beneficial to any one contemplating a trip across the "Rockies." With the Dr. we believe that the traveling public should be better informed on this subject, thus saving trouble and annoyance to themselves as well as the railroad officials.—Wooster Republican.

Holiday Excursions on the B. & O.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company sends greetings to its patrons, by announcing that on December 24th, 25th and 31st 1886, and January 1st, 1887, round trip tickets, at one fare for the round trip, will be sold from all stations to all stations, on the Trans-Ohio Divisions, and on the Columbus & Cincinnati Midland R. R., including Chicago, Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

Tickets will be good returning until January 3rd, 1887, inclusive.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

The Chicago and Atlantic Railway Company will sell round trip excursion tickets between all stations on December 24th and 25th good to return until December 27th and on December 31st, 1886 and January 1st, 1887 good to return until January 3rd at one single fare for the round trip and on December 24th and 25th good to return until January 3rd at one and one third fare for the round trip.

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